

Elaine Henry wins Lifetime Achievement Award

A lifetime commitment to the advancement of research to serve the public good has earned Elaine Henry OAM, a national award.

Ms Henry, CEO of The Smith Family, has an extensive record of community contribution. She will be awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at tonight's (Friday 20 November) Research Australia "Thank You" Day Awards in Melbourne.

During her 12 years as Executive Director of the New South Wales Cancer Council, Ms Henry oversaw the establishment of the Cancer Education Research Program, the Cancer Epidemiology Research Unit, as well as others including the creation of breast and cervical cancer prevention and screening programs, and the introduction of the national fundraising events Daffodil Day and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

Ms Henry was also the architect of the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the National Breast Cancer Centre, which is Australia's leading not-for-profit organisation promoting and supporting breast cancer research.

Most recently Ms Henry has spent the last decade leading the transformation of The Smith Family from a passive welfare organisation to an evidence-based social enterprise delivering education and learning to thousands of disadvantaged Australian children.

Among six awards, the Lifetime Achievement Award honours a significant lifetime commitment to supporting and promoting health and medical research. Previous recipients of this award include Dr Susan Alberti AM and Sir Bruce Watson AC.

The Awards celebrate the achievements of organisations and individuals who have helped advance medical and health research in Australia. They are a highlight of Research Australia's "Thank You" Day campaign to raise public awareness about the benefits of health and medical research to the community.

The "Thank You" Day awards will be held tonight (Friday 20 November) at BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne. This year's winners are:

- Macquarie Group Foundation Great Australian Philanthropy Award: **Clive Berghofer AM**
- Victorian Government Leadership and Innovation Award: **Professor Joseph Sambrook**
- Griffith University Discovery Award: **Dr Sarah Whittle**
- Advocacy Award: Professor **Ian Hickie AM FASSA**
- Leadership in Corporate Giving Award: **Macquarie Group Foundation**
- Research Australia Lifetime Achievement Award: **Elaine Henry OAM**

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